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an HIV-1 Fusion Cofactor**

Art Unit: 1644

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO UPDATE EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW**SUMMARY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.133**

Dear Sir:

Further to the Amendment and Response under 37 C. F.R. § 1.111, filed March 5, 2004, Applicants hereby supplement said Response by additionally clarifying the telephonic Examiner's Interview conducted on March 4, 2004 in the above-referenced application. An Examiner's Interview Summary dated March 26, 2004 was subsequently received by Applicants on March 29, 2004.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On March 4, 2004, a telephonic Examiner's interview was held with Colleen Superko and Joseph Koipally participating on behalf of the Applicants, and Examiners Jessica Roark and Phillip Gambel participating from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Prior to the Examiner's Interview, Applicants' representatives forwarded by facsimile both Examiners a copy of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, executed by Dr. Carl June on June 4, 2003 and filed with the Response of July 17, 2003 and a copy of a draft Declaration to address the alleged deficiencies of the June 4, 2003 Declaration raised in the Office Action of November 5, 2003.

Applicants' representatives initially provided an overview of the background of the claimed invention and its importance to the field of immunology.

Applicants' representatives proceeded to discuss the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections and inquired whether the draft Declaration would overcome those rejections. The Examiners indicated that the draft Declaration would likely not overcome the outstanding rejections, contrary to what had been previously stated in the Office Action (*see*, Office Action of January 17, 2003, page 6, fifth paragraph; and Office Action of November 5, 2003, page 8, fifth paragraph).

Applicants' representatives and the Examiners then discussed proposed claim language to distinguish over the cited documents. Specifically, the Examiners suggested that inclusion of a measuring step for assaying expression levels of CCR5/HIV fusion cofactors would appear to distinguish the claims over the cited documents. However, Examiner Roark indicated that she would need to conduct an updated search of the proposed amended claims to determine if the claims were patentable over the cited documents.

Applicants indicated that they would consider the Examiners' suggestions in preparing the Amendment and Response to the outstanding Office Action. Notably, the March 5, 2004 Amendment included this proposed claim language in the independent method claims 95-98.

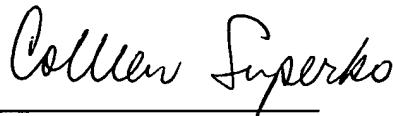
CONCLUSION

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Supplemental Response. However, if any fees are due, please debit our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 for the requisite fee.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below in order to expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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